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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 674

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk-Silva
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Brown)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Daly, Fox, and Medina)

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 18000 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to small business regulations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 674, as amended, Quirk-Silva. Microenterprise.

Existing law defines microenterprise as a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation that has fewer than 5 employees, including the owner, and generally lacks access to conventional loans, equity, or other banking services, as provided. Existing law distinguishes ~~microenterprises~~ *a microenterprise* from ~~a small-businesses business~~ or ~~microbusinesses microbusiness~~. Existing law encourages specified local agencies to access, include, and promote local partnerships that invest in microenterprise development, as provided. Existing law defines a “microenterprise development provider” to mean a nonprofit or public agency that provides self-employment training, technical assistance, and access to microloans to individuals seeking to become self-employed or to expand their current business.

This bill would modify the definition of microenterprise to also include a limited liability company, increase the number of employees

to 5 or fewer, and require that the entity generally lack sufficient access to ~~conventional~~ loans, equity, or other ~~banking services~~ *financial capital*. The bill would delete those provisions expressly distinguishing ~~microenterprises~~ *a microenterprise* from ~~a small-businesses~~ *business* or ~~microbusinesses~~ *microbusiness*. The bill would modify the definition of microenterprise development provider to also include a nonprofit organization or public agency that provides self-employment training, technical assistance, and access to microloans to ~~a microbusiness~~ *microenterprise* seeking to expand its current business.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 18000 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 18000. (a) For purposes of this part, “microenterprise” means
4 a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, or
5 corporation that meets ~~all~~ *both* of the following requirements:
6 (1) Has five or fewer employees, including the owner, who may
7 be part time or full time.
8 (2) Generally lacks sufficient access to ~~conventional~~ loans,
9 equity, or other ~~banking services~~ *financial capital*.
10 (b) For purposes of this part, “microenterprise development
11 provider” means a nonprofit organization or public agency that
12 provides self-employment training, technical assistance, and access
13 to microloans to individuals seeking to become self-employed or
14 to ~~a microbusiness~~ *microenterprise* seeking to expand its current
15 business.